

American League Race Is Hottest Seen in Many Years

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Close Race Is On In American League to Keep Out of Cellar

Improved Line-Up of Some of the Teams Makes Possibility of First Being Last—Younger Organization Presenting Fastest Race in Its History, Five Clubs Being Distinctly Improved.

By GEORGE S. ROBBINS.

CHICAGO, June 29.—What club is to occupy Ban Johnson's cellar in the American League next fall and winter?

This is a difficult question, but one that bobs up owing to the improved line-ups of some teams, especially the St. Louis Browns, who have been led from that gloomy cavern by Reformer Branch Rickey.

It is possible, but not probable, that the first may be last. The White Sox, too, have pennant possibilities owing to their great array of effective pitchers. Detroit looks formidable, Cleveland should emerge from a rut, Chance is after two players to make his team a winning combination, and Boston, Philadelphia, and Washington look like pennant factors all the way.

If one listens to the anvil chorus of the Cleveland scribes he will be convinced the tall end Naps are sure to receive the booby prize. These scribes persist in their uncomplicated remarks about Charles Somers' ball club, which is surprising, considering their former boasting tactics. This, however, is the penalty that a team pays for being up in the race and then doing the high dive act.

There are eight managers in the American League, each of whom is certain his respective club will not be the "goat." The verdict of these leaders is unanimous on this point. Several of these managers even admit the club the world's champions must defeat to annex the bunting is piloted by themselves.

There is no denying that the American League is faster than it was last season. No less than five of the clubs have improved, all of which makes the race tighter. This will make it certain that a fairly good team must shoulder the unenviable distinction of trailing the circuit next fall.

The White Sox undoubtedly present one of the enigmas of the circuit. The team has the pitching, fielding and hitting talent to cap the flag, but it must hit better than it has in the past and do better work on the bases to be in the race.

Here is a peculiar situation in the American League. Several teams have the ability to win the pennant.

yet may finish in the second division, and one may succeed the St. Louis Browns as the tailors of the league.

Detroit made a great showing, and for a time pennant hopes were running high in Tiger town. Then came the injury to Cobb and the pitchers slumped. Detroit, like the White Sox, has pennant possibilities, yet they finish in the second division. Cleveland is enjoying its usual portion of ill luck. Pennant hopes of the Naps fans are usually running high in the spring, only to fade away as the scheduled games are played.

The Naps, however, do not look so down and out as some imagine. One scribe says the Naps imagine they are playing football and kick the ball around instead of using their heads and hands. This may be true, but it must be remembered the team has been deprived of its regular shortstop, the key to its defense. What would Detroit do without Weaver, Washington without McBride, or Philadelphia without Barry?

The elimination of Heinie Wagner from the Red Sox was the hardest blow of the season to the hopes of the American League fans in the Hub. Chapman made a similar gap in the Naps team when he was injured early in the season.

Connie Mack's pitchers have begun to show erratic spells that have caused the sphinx of the game some worry. It will be difficult for the Athletics to maintain their lead with bad pitching, and Mack is not sanguine of a prosperous road trip in the first Western invasion.

Washington looks the part of the most formidable Eastern team, and Griffith's men will be difficult to stop unless the signs fall. The old guard that put Griffith in the pennant race last season is intact. Walter Johnson is coming into his own as the game's most effective pitcher.

Boston and Washington should have good pitching and, inasmuch as these clubs are fortified with good fielding and hitting talent, they should be more difficult for the Western teams than the world's champions.

The White Sox undoubtedly have the classic collection of pitching talent in the league, and this, however, Callahan's team is a puzzle in the pennant race. Cal's club is just beginning to emerge from its shell as a hitting combination with which to be reckoned.

Manager Callahan undoubtedly made the best shifts of the season recently when he put a super-as lead-off man, Demmitt, where he could drive in runs, and broke up the weak-hitting combination at the bottom of his batting order.

With the entries for the ten-mile modified marathon to be held under the auspices of the Odd Fellows Hyattsville celebration of July 4, closing tomorrow, every club which will have candidates in the race is anxiously awaiting the full announcement of entries, so that some definite line can be drawn on the possible winner of the attractive Times trophy, a silver loving cup, donated by the Times to the team sending the greatest number of runners across the finish line within fifteen minutes of the winner.

No club has yet sent into Capt. O. A. Greaser its full line of long distance runners, reserving the complete entry until the last minute. This, however, has not kept the full quota from putting many hours of tedious training for the biggest distance run in this section during the present out-door season—for the roads in this vicinity have been filled each evening with thinly clad athletes undergoing time and speed trials, in preparation for the big event which will be started from in front of The Times office promptly at 10 o'clock next Saturday.

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ONE REASON

Here's one reason why the Mackmen are leading the Griffmen. Look over these batting figures of the two infields up to date:

GRIFFMEN.

Gandil	283
Morgan	229
McBride	176
Foster	278
Average	241

MACKMEN.

Baker	326
Collins	295
McInnes	282
Barry	273
Average	291

der. Blackburne has failed to hit, and was bunched with several weak batters. The former Milwaukee fielding sensation has proved that he is a good scribe, and has been placed where his hunting ability may be used with effect.

President Comiskey, of the White Sox, has not given up hope of his men entering the pennant race, but the old Roman is cognizant of the team's weakness. One of two of the regulars must brace soon or President Comiskey will undoubtedly show his hand and order a change in the line-up that will bring a new face to the two before the fans of the South Side.

It's difficult to pick the winner in the American League this season, and it's hard to select the cellar champion. This makes the race more interesting than usual.

ONE DAY REMAINS TO ENTER MARATHON RUN

Entries Close Tomorrow for Ten-Mile Modified Race From Times to Hyattsville.

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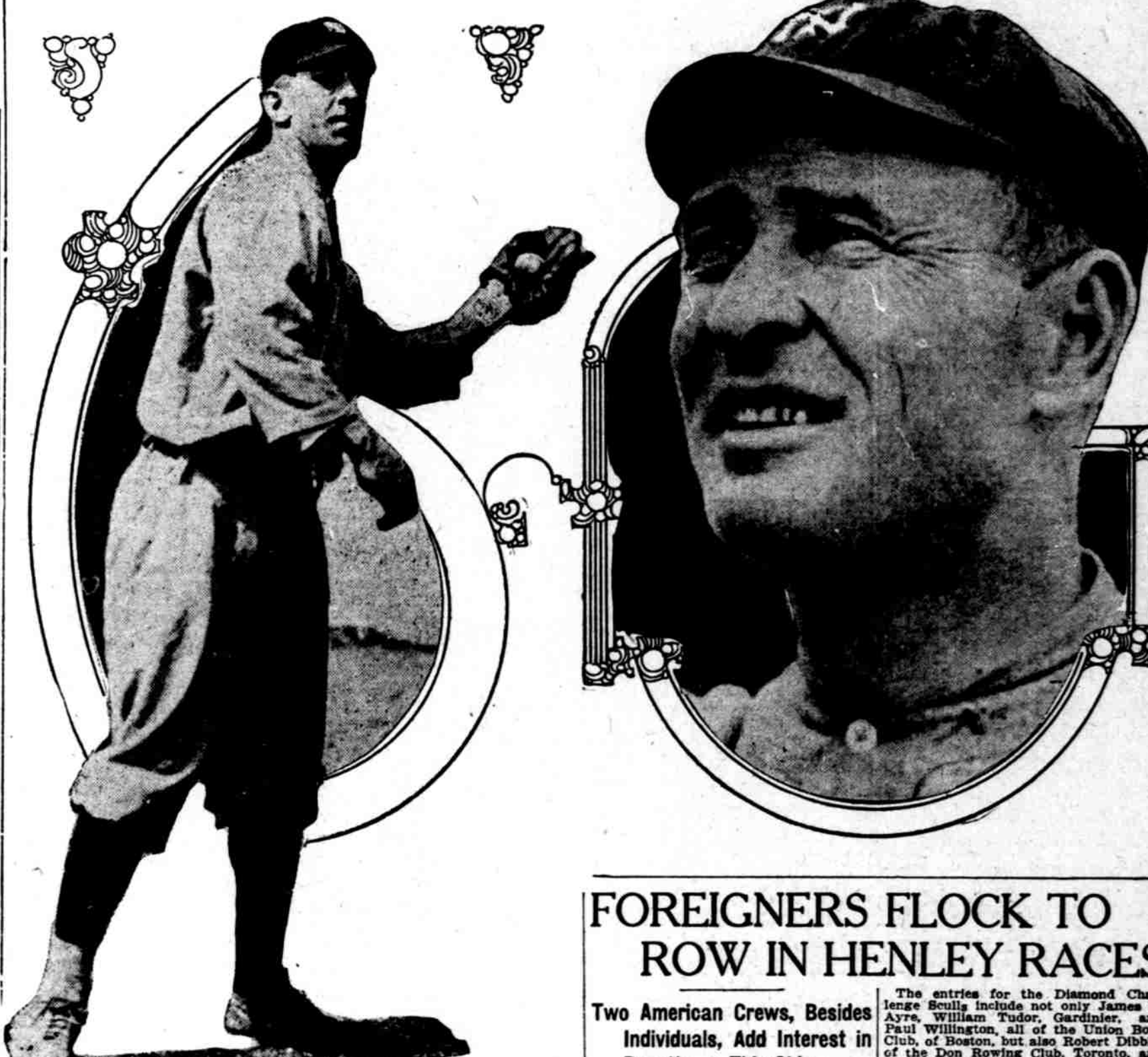
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THE BRAIN BOXES IN CHARGE OF THE YANKEES



On the Left You See Roger Peckinpah, the Brilliant Shortstop and Captain of the New York Club. On the Right Is Seen the Peerless Leader, Frank Leroy Chance. They're Both in Town For a Few Days As Guests of Manager Clark Griffith and His Merry Lads.

JOHNSON'S TRAINER CALLS MILL A FAKE

Jack Adams Confesses That Fight Was Cut and Dried Before Bell Rang.

PARIS, June 28.—Disgust at the hip-pocrite stunts at the Velodrome D'Hiver by Jack Johnson and Frank Moran was marked here today by open charges of fake. Several of the newspapers made flat charges that Moran was allowed to stay twenty rounds by the champion for the moving pictures and that Moran knew before he entered the ring that he was not to be knocked out.

These statements were based largely on the opinions of those who saw the fight which are unanimous that Johnson could have put Moran away at any time he chose. They were added to by an alleged confession of Jack Adams, one of Johnson's trainers, who declared that Tom Flanagan, Johnson's adviser, was in the plot to let Moran stick through the mill.

Adams was quoted as saying that Moran was sent back to America to work up interest in the fight, that Johnson went into the ring at 214 pounds, and that the whole fight was cut and dried before the first bell rang.

Among the Minors.

American Association.

Kansas City, 12; Minneapolis, 5 (first game).

Minneapolis, 13; Kansas City, 3 (second game).

Milwaukee, 5; St. Paul, 2 (first game).

Milwaukee, 4; St. Paul, 1 (second game).

Louisville, 3; Indianapolis, 2; (first game).

Louisville, 4; Indianapolis, 4; seven innings (second game).

South Atlantic League.

Mobile, 2; New Orleans, 1 (first game).

New Orleans, 6; Mobile, 2 (second game).

International League.

Toronto, 3; Providence, 0.

Newark, 3; Rochester, 2 (11 innings).

Jersey City, 3; Montreal, 2.

Amateur Schedule And Results

TODAY'S GAMES.

War-Interbureau-Insecticide vs. Animal Industry.

Terminal-Union Station vs. Shops.

Central-Columbia vs. Sherwood.

East Wash. S. S.-Ninth vs. United Brethren.

Marquette-St. Stephens vs. St. Martin.

Potomac-Fairlawn vs. Eastern.

Roadside-Irigoien vs. Highlanders.

YESTERDAY'S SCORES.

Clarendon, 2; Aloyus, 2.

Yankee A. C., 9; Midgots, 0.

Setting Furious Pace.

Blanding, Hagerman and James, three Cleveland pitchers, are setting a furious pace for tail-end batting honors in the American League. Each has the perfect tail-end percentage of .000.

FOREIGNERS FLOCK TO ROW IN HENLEY RACES

Two American Crews, Besides Individuals, Add Interest in Regatta on This Side.

LONDON, July 28.—The Henley royal regatta this year has assumed more of an international aspect than the great annual rowing event of the Thames season has taken on for several years. The last occasion on which it aroused as much advance interest as it has this year was in 1906, when the Vesper Boat Club sent over a crew which barely managed to take the challenge cup from the Leander crew.

This was one of the finest races seen on the Henley course in recent years, as the Vesper crew pushed Leander to the extremity, rowing forty strokes a minute from the beginning of the race over the whole course in order to nose in.

This year the coming of two more American crews to fight for the grand challenge cup has again added zest, but in addition to the crew from Harvard University and the one from the Union Boat Club, of Boston, there are two other foreign entries for the great trophy. These are in the Mainsur Ruder from Mayence, Germany, and the Winnipeg Rowing Club, of Canada.

The foreign savor is further added to by the entries for the Cambridge challenge cup and the Stewards' Challenge Cup. For the Thames Cup, besides the English entries, the Royal Club Nattique of Ghent, will be a competitor. The Grasshopper Club, of Zurich, and the Mainz Ruder Verein, of Germany, are also expected to be competitors for the Stewards' Cup.

Although the Henley are open to boat clubs in the United Kingdom until ten days before the beginning of the regatta, this leaves plenty of time for changes from early forecasts, but at the present time English critics are not particularly hopeful over their country's chances in the event in the Royal Regatta, in which there are foreign entries.

Big League Biffers of a Day.

	AB.	H.	TB.	PCT.
Magee, Cards....	2	2	3	1.000
Gonzales, Reds..	1	1	1	1.000
Robinson, Cards.	1	1	1	1.000
Miller, Reds....	1	1	1	1.000
Schalk, W. Sox..	4	3	4	.750
Loth, Reds.....	4	3	3	.750
Bodie, White Sox	4	3	3	.750
Viox, Pirates....	3	2	5	.667
Leach, Cubs....	3	2	5	.667
Leibold, Naps...	3	2	3	.667
Huggins, Cards..	3	2	3	.667
Wares, Browns..	3	2	2	.667
Groh, Reds.....	3	2	2	.667
Stanage, Tigers.	3	2	2	.667

RICKEY MAKES GOOD BECAUSE OF BRAINS

Handles His Brownies So as to Bring Out All Their Diamond Possibilities.

By FRANK W. ROSTOCK.

CLEVELAND, June 28.—You have to hand it to Branch Rickey, manager of the St. Louis Browns, and Miller Huggins, leader of the St. Louis Cardinals. They have handled their ball clubs in such intelligent fashion this season that both teams are within striking distance of first place in their respective leagues.

Neither team was touted to play fast ball this season. Fans did not count on the mental ability of Huggins and Rickey when they made their predictions for the season.

Brauns are winning ball games for both of these clubs. Managers Rickey and Huggins are baseball strategists. They know how to handle their players when they're on the field and also when off the field.

They are not content to call it a day's work when the game has been won or lost. They study every important play in every game, and at the first opportunity bring these plays before their players for discussion.

Several managers were inclined to be amused when they learned that Branch Rickey called his men together at 11 o'clock every morning for the purpose of outlining the afternoon's campaign and discussing the game in general. It was predicted the Browns would blow because Rickey was trying to win his games with talk.

But Rickey has fooled them all. His team is the most feared club in the American League. It is the only club which makes the Walters into a great hitter. He has made the Browns an evenly balanced ball club. He has taken an outfit of mediocre ability last season, infused the men with the winning spirit and kept them on edge. In short, he has accomplished what no man expected—made the St. Louis Browns a pennant contender.

Baseball meetings would help the Naps. But the Cleveland team is composed of men most of whom think they know more about the game than anyone else.

AND THAT IS ONE REASON WHY THE NAPS ARE IN LAST PLACE.

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